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For: NOVEL PEPTIDES SUITABLE FOR USE IN ANTIGEN SPECIFIC IMMUNO-

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Arlington, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF

DECEMBER 19, 2003 PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.116

I. Introduction

Applicants respectfully respond to the final office action of December 19, 2003, as follows. Please charge any required fees and credit any credits to deposit account 02-2334. This response should be entered as it only Claims indicated allowable subject matter and/or removes issues for appeal, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.116.